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PRESS RELEASE

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NATURE OF CALL: POSSIBLE DROWNING UPDATE
LOCATION OF CALL: MINERAL BAR CAMPGROUND, COLFAX
CASE NUMBER: SO-02-5333

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

After an extensive air and water search Placer County Sheriff's Deputies have been unable to locate a missing Pleasant Hill Man. On Wednesday Ricky Lim 20, a foreign exchange student from Indonesia was seen being swept away by the current as he attempted to cross the North Fork of the American River near Colfax. Lim was with fellow students from Diablo Valley College on a day trip when the incident occurred. As the group tried to cross the fast moving river, approximately one half mile above the Iowa Hill Bridge, Lim was knocked of his feet and was last seen being swept down river yelling for help. A search by responding CDF and Placer County Sheriff units last night was unsuccessful and scaled back at darkness due to the extreme danger of the river in the canyon area.

Early today a Highway Patrol Helicopter conducted a visual search of the river and its banks from the point Lim was last seen down the river to the Ponderosa bridge. As this air search was conducted the Placer County Sheriff's Swift Water Rescue Team launched two teams in rafts to coordinate the search.

At approximately 5:00 PM the water units finished checking the area from Iowa Hill Bridge to Ponderosa Bridge with negative results. Tomorrow air units and other necessary search and rescue resources will continue the search.

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